

Section of Open Session: Engaging Montana Federal/Agriculture Industry

- Wheat Montana provides bread for Denmark SD, could that be applied to a wider consumer base?
- Money by USDA foods are hard to compete with, bid system. How does the quality of local products compare? Specifics: food allergies
- MT gluten free: \$5 flat rate shipping of 15 boxes allow
- Safe serv needs to seek local, more nutritious product but how to compete without US gov't/Big Box
- How to connect food producers with schools? Liability insurance? Food hubs, six funded by USDA. Lindsay Howard-Ronan, Mission Mtn
- F2S is more than a garden, garden provides and education, easy to fit more manageable battles rather than beauracracy.
- To Do:
 - Education Farm to School Directors
 - Producers Co-op to negotiate price
 - Co-op institutions to fix one year price for producers, food hub= econ of scale
 - Market the cost-benefit of spending tax money locally